

**ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2104**

Town of Andover
36 Bartlet Street
3rd Floor Conference Room
8:13pm

Conservation Members in Attendance:

Chairman Donald Cooper, Vice Chairman Michael Walsh, Commissioner Kevin Porter, Commissioner Phil Sutherland and Commissioner Floyd Greenwood. Staff members present were Robert Douglas, Director of Conservation and Linda Cleary, Conservation Agent.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

131 Chandler Road

Present in Interest: Daniel Walles and Mellissa Walles

Staff Recommendation: Continue.

Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Mellissa and Daniel Walles, under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and/or Andover Wetlands Protection By-Law for the proposed addition, portico, deck and garage at 131 Chandler Road.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. The project is under the WPA only, however the application does not meet all of our requirements. There is no narrative or engineered plan. Daniel and Mellissa Walles presented the project to the Commission which consists of an addition on the front of the house and a deck and garage on the back of the house. The Applicants agreed to continue to a date uncertain to obtain an engineer to provide the appropriate plan and narrative for the project.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Walsh made a Motion to continue to a date uncertain; it was seconded by Commissioner Sutherland and unanimously approved.

29 Boutwell Road

Present in Interest: John Boardman, Matt Ireland, Evert and Joyce Huizing and Michelle O'Donnell

Staff Recommendation: Continue.

Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Belvidere Hill Group, LLC, under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and/or Andover Wetlands Protection By-Law for the proposed installation of a looping water main from Boutwell Road to Knollcrest Drive at 29 Boutwell Road.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. This is a water main loop to service the proposed subdivision. The Planning Dept. and DPW both are requiring the water main be looped from Knollcrest for this project. The loop will cross 110 feet of wetlands and go around the existing pond. The wetland is a wooded swamp with large red maples. The Applicant will work around the trees and have limited clearing. DEP Comments will have to be addressed by the Applicant.

John Boardman presented to the Commission that the Water Department is requesting a grassed pathway be maintained to allow a pick-up truck to pass through for maintenance and/or repairs. When the project is complete, the organic topsoil will be replaced and a conservation seed mix planted and allowed to stabilize and revegetate. The project will be done during the driest time of July and August. The trenching should take one to two days.

Evert Huizing, 16 Knollcrest Drive, inquired as to the grassed pathway. This was not presented prior to today. Concerned other vehicle will be able to access the easement. The area is very wooded and it appears that many trees will have to be removed for this loop. This is an easement for utilities only, not access.

Michelle O'Donnell, 14 Knollcrest Drive asked that all workers and machinery be kept within the 20 foot easement. She also asked who would be responsible for repair for any damage done to their property.

Mr. Douglas recommended putting a pipe stop to prevent the water main from becoming a conduit, a clay dam can be used as well. This is important as to not change the hydrology of the wetland. Mr. Boardman indicated that plastic stops could also be used.

The Commission would like a site visit, DEP comments need to be addressed, the wetland line needs to be reviewed by staff and Jeff Bridge will be brought in for the peer review.

Commissioner Porter suggested letting the vegetation naturalize within the 50 feet of the wetland to prevent encroachment by landowners and discourage foot traffic between Knollcrest and Boutwell.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Porter made a Motion to continue to a date uncertain; it was seconded by Commissioner Sutherland and unanimously approved.

85 Porter Road

Staff Recommendation: Continue to March 18, 2014.

Continued Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by **Brian Charron** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-

law, Article XIV, for proposed reconstruction of an existing dwelling and removal of existing pool at **85 Porter Road**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. At the request of the Applicant, continue to March 18, 2014.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Walsh made a Motion to continue to March 18, 2014; it was seconded by Commissioner Porter and unanimously approved.

87 Porter Road

Staff Recommendation: Continue to March 18, 2014

Continued Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by **Brian Charron** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed construction of an addition at **87 Porter Road**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. At the request of the Application, please continue to March 18, 2014.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Sutherland made a Motion to continue to March 18, 2014; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Walsh and unanimously approved.

11R Lowell Junction Road

Staff Recommendation: Continue to a Date Uncertain.

Continued Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by **Jeffco, Inc.** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed addition, demolition of existing garage, construction of paved driveway, lot grading and sewer connection at **11R Lowell Junction Road**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. At the request of the Applicant, please continue to a date uncertain.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Walsh made a Motion to continue to a date uncertain; it was seconded by Commissioner Porter and unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

3000 Minuteman Road

Staff Recommendation: Continue to March 18, 2014.

Issue Order of Conditions. Continue to March 18, 2014 for Natural Heritage Comments and plan revisions due to public safety access.

Vice Chairman Walsh made a Motion to continue to March 18, 2014; it was seconded by Commissioner Sutherland and unanimously approved.

83 Porter Road

Present in Interest: Tara Wilson

Staff Recommendation: Issue Order of Conditions.

Issue Order of Conditions.

Commissioner Porter made a Motion to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted; it was seconded by Commissioner Sutherland and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes**

Approval of minutes from February 18, 2104.

7 Southridge Circle

Issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

3 Regis Road

Issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

9 Cobblestone Lane

Issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

Vice Chairman Walsh made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda; it was seconded by Commissioner Sutherland and unanimously approved.

LATE/DISCUSSION ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE A VOTE:**221 Highland Road**

Scheduled Order in Action for Judicial Review for May 6, 2014.

Town Meeting Bond Fund Article Letter

Vote to authorize Chairman Donald Cooper to sign letters to owners of property listed on the Warrant Article.

Commissioner Greenwood made a Motion to authorize the signing of the letters; it was seconded by Commissioner Porter and unanimously approved.

AVIS LIP Project

Present in Interest: Amy Janowski

Vote to approve AVIS invasive plan management project for LIP Grant from MA F&W for train maintenance.

Deer Jump Reservation to be targeted this year for invasive control maintenance. A Licensed Pesticide Applicator for Invasive Plant Management to be contracted to apply the treatment.

Commissioner Porter made a Motion to Approve; it was seconded by Commissioner Greenwood and unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held March 18, 2014 at 7:45pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm by Motion of Commissioner Greenwood and seconded by Commissioner Sutherland and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Lynn Viselli,
Recording Secretary**